

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: William C. Wildesen House Inventory Number: G-V-B-095

Address: 548 King Wildesen Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Gorman

Owner: Edward Wildesen Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 30 Tax Map Number: 97 Tax Account ID Number: 08-009090

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The William C. Wildesen House is located east of King Wildesen Road on the east side of Backbone Mountain. The house currently is oriented to face south and is sited at the base of a small rise that reaches 2700 feet above sea level. The southern façade is accessed from the west and south by a long unpaved farm lane. A barn dated 1934 is located north of the house. A ca. 2004 log house is sited at the top of the rise.

The house was constructed ca. 1895. A house appeared in this approximate location on the USGS Oakland quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). The two-story, wood-frame house has five bays on the north and south elevations and two-bay ends. The massing of the house is a rectangular box. The house is clad with bi-colored scored asphalt shingles. The main block of the house rests on a stone foundation. The shallow cross gable roof is sheathed with composition roll roofing. The eave features an enclosed soffit with asymmetrical returns on the gable ends; some returns are missing. The windows are wood-frame, two-over-two-light, double-hung sash units with plain wood surrounds. The windows on the first story are taller than the windows on the second story. A two-story polygonal bay with one-over-one-light, double-hung sash windows projects from the southernmost bay of the east elevation. The bay rests on a stone foundation. The north and south

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

Date

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elevations each have a central doorway set under one-light transoms. Access to the house is through the doorway on the south elevation, which contains two-vertical wood-panel door with two arched lights. A one-story, shed-roof porch on a concrete-block foundation spans the south elevation. The porch roof is supported on square wood posts and has an enclosed shingle railing. The easternmost bay of the porch is enclosed. It appears that a one-story porch once spanned the north elevation, but the porch has not been present on the north elevation since prior to 1981 (MHT 1981). The doorway in the north elevation is inaccessible. It may have been that the north elevation was the original front of the house, but the access road was changed, making the south elevation the front of the house by usage. The house currently is vacant.

The stone chimney reported in the 1981 MIHP form (MHT 1981) is located slightly south and east of the main house. The 1981 MIHP form reported that a foundation measuring 18' x 22' and a chimney were part of the earliest log house on the property. In 2005, the stone chimney was barely standing and foundation was overgrown with vegetation.

A two-level red barn constructed in 1934 is located north of the main house. The barn has recently been renovated (Wildesen personal communication 1/6/2005) and is clad entirely in metal siding. The pointed barrel arched roof is also sheathed with metal. The lower level contains modern sliding windows.

In 1874, Mary Wildesen purchased 600 acres of land in Ryan's Glade for \$6,000 from Israel Thompson. The property comprised the tract known as "Fertile Mead" and a portion known as the Oliver land (Garrett County deed WST 1:342). The deed referenced only land with no mention of buildings. Israel Thompson was an early and long time resident in Ryan's Glades with property on both sides of Backbone Mountain and had only owned this property for four years, having purchased the property from Elliott Tabb in 1870. Mary Wildesen was listed in the 1870 census as living in the area with her husband William Wildesen and five young daughters (U.S. Census 1870). It seems likely that Mary Wildesen and her family were the first residents on the property and probably did construct a log house and any associated outbuildings. The Wildesen family were identified as early settlers in Ryan's Glades (Scharf 1882:1544; Schlosnagle 1978) and Wildesen descendants still own the property. The main house still standing on the property is not the first period house, but was constructed probably during the 1890s or early twentieth century.

The 1981 MIHP stated that the house, a square configuration with cross-gable roofs, is a typical example of a common western Maryland house type. Although the Wildesen family occupied the property since 1874, the house appears to be of later construction, possibly even the first decade of the twentieth century.

The house appears in this approximate location on the 1899 USGS map. The house does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction for farmhouses typically located in Garrett County during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century (National Register Criterion C). The house has been altered substantially so that it no longer exhibits integrity of materials, design, or workmanship. The lack of period farm buildings has compromised the integrity of the farmstead to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County from the early twentieth century (Criterion A). The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B); the Wildesen family has not been documented as significant persons in Schlosnagle (1978), Weeks (1948), or Scharf (1882).

References

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1981 MIHP Form G-V-B-095. On file at the MHT Library, Crownsville, MD.

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Scharf, J. Thomas

1882 *History of Western Maryland*. Louis H. Everts, Philadelphia, PA. Reprint edition.

U.S. Census

1870 Viewed at Heritage Quest On Line.

USGS

1908 Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1900 and 1908.

1948 Gorman 7.5 minute quadrangle map from aerial photographs 1946, field checked 1948, photo-revised 1981.

Wildesen, Mr. Edward

2005 Personal communication, 1/6/2005.

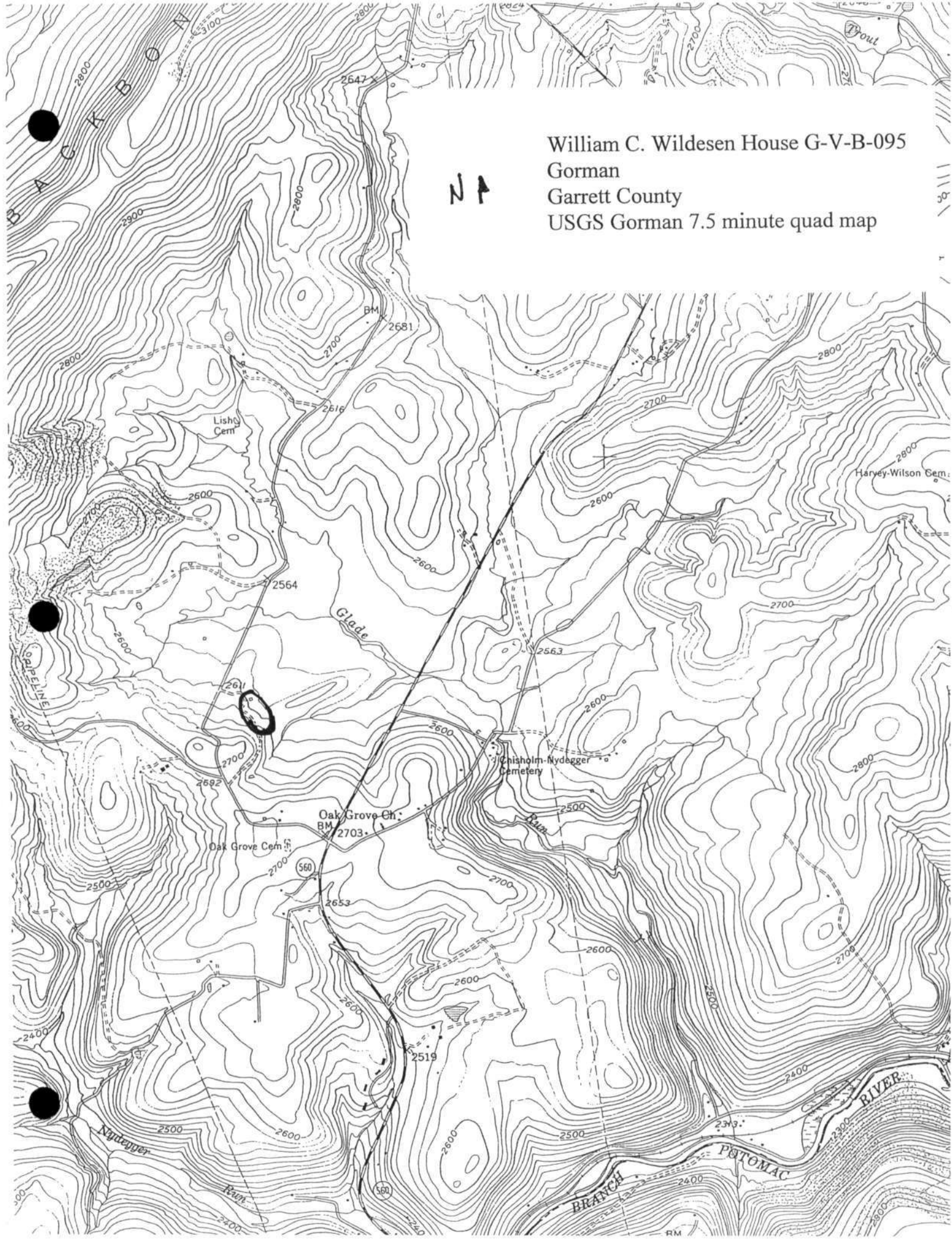
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Date Prepared: January 2005

William C. Wildesen House G-V-B-095
Gorman
Garrett County
USGS Gorman 7.5 minute quad map

NA





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WILLIAM C. WILDESEN HOUSE

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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JANUARY 2005

MD-SHPD

DWELLING, VIEW NE

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WILLIAM C. WILDESEN HOUSE
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND
RCA

JANUARY 2005
MD-SHPD
Dwelling, View SW
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GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND
RCA
JANUARY 2005
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FARM COMPLEX, VIEW N
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William C. Wildesen House
Gorman
Private

circa 1870

The William C. Wildesen frame farmhouse is a two story, five bay by two bay structure with a cross gable roof with box cornice and partial returns. The house rests on a square stone foundation. Asbestos shingles cover the house.

A stone chimney and scatter foundation are all that's left of a log structure which was built before the present house. The foundation measures roughly 18' x 22'. The house was built by William C. Wildesen circa 1870.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William C. Wildesen House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

King Wildesen Rd. off Oak Grove Rd. approx. 3/4 miles NW of Rt. 560.

CITY, TOWN

Gorman

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame farmhouse is situated in a hilly area off Oak Grove Road approximately 3/4 miles northwest of Rt. 560. The house faces northwest. It is a two story, five bay by two bay structure with a cross gable roof with box cornice and partial returns. A two story bay window extends from the rear northeast elevation. A porch, enclosed at the south end, extends across the rear southeast elevation. Markings on the facade indicated that it once had a porch but it is now gone. The front central entrance has a transom over it. A second entrance is located at the rear porch.

An interior brick chimney is located towards the northeast elevation where the gables meet. The house is lit predominately by two over two sash windows. Windows of this sort also appear in the gable ends. The house rests on a square stone foundation. Asbestos shingles cover the house. Asphalt shingles cover the roof of the main structure with corrugated metal on the porch roof.

A stone chimney and scatter foundation are all that is left of a log structure which was build before the present house. The foundation measures roughly 18' x 22'. The house was built by William C. Wildesen circa 1870.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

circa 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William C. Wildesen

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this configuration, square with a cross gable roof, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth century through the early twentieth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

August 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(W. VA.)

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5162 IV SW
(TABLE ROCK)

4352

Gorman, MD-WV
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale - 1:24,000
1949; photorevised 1974

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King Wildesen Road, off Oak Grove
Road, approx. 3/4 miles NW of Rt. 560.

1945
JAN 10 1945
U.S. AIR FORCE
HONOLULU, HAWAII



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William C. Wildesen House

Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 8/17/81

SE elevation



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William C. Wildesen House

Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 8/17/81

NW & NE elevations



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William C. Wildesen House

Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 8/17/81

Stone chimney: NW & SW elevs.